

Saeugling of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the highest Iowa Future Farmers of America (FFA) Award, the Iowa Farmer Degree Award. Clayton serves as President of the Atlantic Future Farmers of America Chapter.

Clayton said it is an honor to receive this award and "it can be something that younger members look up to for receiving it." Clayton has been active in the local FFA Chapter, focusing his activities on agronomy and livestock judging. He hopes to work and be a part of agriculture after he completes his studies at Iowa State University. His field of study will include animal science and agronomy. Clayton said his experiences in agriculture and activities in the FFA Chapter have broadened and enhanced his interest for a career. He enjoys meeting other FFA students from other competitions and exploring their experiences in agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Clayton for earning this award. It is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future endeavors in agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JUMPSTART HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UTILIZING SMALL ENTERPRISES ACT OF 2016

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, recent studies show that 21.3 million households pay more than 30 percent of their incomes towards rental housing, up from 14.8 million in 2001. In turn, the demand for low-cost rental housing has increased as the supply of affordable rental units has decreased. Nationwide, there is a shortage of affordable housing options available to low- and middle-income Americans. That is why I am introducing the Jumpstart Housing Opportunities Utilizing Small Enterprises Act of 2016 or Jumpstart HOUSE Act.

In 2010, President Obama signed the Small Business Jobs Act, P.L. 111–240, which created the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). Funded with \$1.5 billion, the SSBCI disperses funds to participating states who in turn use credit support programs and state-sponsored venture capital programs to award funding to small businesses. Without reauthorization, the SSBCI is set to expire at the end of FY17. The Jumpstart HOUSE Act would reauthorize the SSBCI program for an additional 8 years with \$1.5 billion in new funding. Additionally, it will improve the program by requiring state business development agencies to set aside the lesser of \$2.5 million or 10 percent of unobligated funds, for small businesses to purchase, rehabilitate, or operate affordable housing units.

Since its inception, the SSBCI program has created or retained over 140,000 jobs, as well as, supported over 12,400 private sector loans to small businesses, 42 percent of which were made to low- and moderate-income communities. As we continually look for ways to advance economic growth, it is critically important to renew the SSBCI program to increase

availability of credit for small businesses, generate jobs, and stimulate economic development. It also is critically important to improve the program by amending it to direct funds to job-creating small businesses that focus on increasing the stock of affordable housing units. The Jumpstart HOUSE Act would accomplish both of these goals.

The SSBCI program has demonstrated proven success in leveraging federal dollars to generate private access to capital for small businesses. Let's build off of SSBCI's success and extend it to increasing the supply of affordable housing nationwide.

I urge my colleagues to become a co-sponsor of the Jumpstart Housing Opportunities Utilizing Small Enterprises Act of 2016.

RECOGNIZING SALLY LAY FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mrs. Sally Lay who was recognized during the 6th Annual Hylton Performing Arts Center Awards Gala for dedicating her career to expanding the reach of the arts in Greater Prince William County.

Prior to her retirement in August 2015, Mrs. Lay served as the executive director of the Center for the Arts for 28 years. During her tenure, she spearheaded a five-year campaign to garner the support of the community and the public sector for the restoration of the old Hopkins Candy Factory in the City of Manassas. Her efforts paid off, and since 2002, the Center for the Arts has called the Candy Factory home. Signature programs include The Pied Piper Children's Theatre, Pied Piper Theatre Camps, Rooftop Productions, the Merchant Family Art Gallery, the Summer Sounds Concerts, and extensive arts education classes, many of which are hosted at the Hylton Performing Arts Center today.

In the midst of her demanding schedule, Mrs. Lay found time to serve on the board of directors for the Prince William County/Manassas Convention & Visitors Bureau and Leadership Prince William. Today, she remains actively engaged with the Rotary Club of Manassas and serves on the board of directors for the Prince William County Arts Council and Virginians for the Arts.

Mrs. Lay's deep roots in the community have served the residents of Greater Prince William County well. Over the course of her career, Mrs. Lay has received well-deserved recognition for her endless contributions, including receiving the Prince William County Arts Council/Prince William Chamber of Commerce Seefeldt Pioneer Award in 2005 and the Woman of the Year for the Greater Prince William Christmas Day Parade in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the 6th Annual Hylton Performing Arts Awards Gala honoree, Mrs. Sally Lay, for being a tireless champion of the Arts in Greater Prince William County.

CELEBRATING SHIRLEY DRINKARD ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mrs. Shirley Drinkard. She will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 12, 2016.

Shirley Drinkard was born in Argonia, Kansas in 1916. Shirley was one of five siblings and during her childhood, the family would go fishing every Saturday night. When Shirley was 23 years old, she moved to Fulton, MO. Shirley graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Wichita University. Later, Shirley finished out her education with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics and a Master's Degree in Economics, both received from the University of Missouri—Columbia.

Shirley married Paul Drinkard, who was a WWII Veteran, when she was 30 years old, and they remained married for 35 years. Shirley and Paul had one son, Eddie Drinkard, one grandson, James Drinkard, and one great-granddaughter, Billie Drinkard.

Shirley worked for the University of Missouri Extension in Columbia, Missouri. She was the home economics teacher and department coordinator for 37 years. The University of Missouri also had Shirley teach business finance to local organizations.

Shirley always appreciated the opportunity to travel to numerous countries including: Italy, Canada, Spain, and Denmark. Shirley enjoys many hobbies which include: fishing, dancing, reading, playing cards and the piano. Over the years Shirley has continued to stay in contact with the University of Missouri Extension.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Drinkard on her 100th Birthday Celebration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 164 regarding "H.R. 4820: Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016." Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

I missed Roll Call vote number 165 regarding "H.R. 4096: Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF WENDY SPENCER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS). As the Co-Chair of the National Service Congressional Caucus,